Imported bulk drugs

1110. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of companies are purchasing imported bulk drugs from export houses and other importers allowed under OGL for which they are licensed to produce in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that indigenous producers of those drugs are offering the materials to these formulators;

(c) whether Government have opened any cell to monitor such activities;

(d) whether it is a fact that formulators have to provide such information under DPCO 1987;

(e) If so, what are the names of such companies who are licensed to produce the drugs, the production of which is not being monitored by Government and are purchasing the imported bulk drugs instead of producing in the country for their formulation activities; and

(f) what action has been taken against these companies engaged in the activities which are against the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Only one manufacturer has reported so.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Importers of formulations have to furnish the information on Form 3 and or Form 6 as the case may be.

(e) and (f) This Department monitors the production of only 87 important bulk drugs. Company-wise production is not monitored. Import of bulk drugs is governed by Import & Export Policy. Any violation thereof is dealt with as per the procedure laid down therefor.

Drug manufacturing stages

1111. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are monitoring the stage of manufacture of drugs in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of the drugs for which the stage of production is being monitored;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are number of drugs for which the companies are licensed to produce from basic stages but are importing intermediates and penultimates;

(e) if so, what are the names of the companies alongwith the names of drugs and what action has been taken against these companies;

(f) whether it is a fact that country is loosing valuable foreign exchange due to such activities; and

(g) what steps have been taken by Government to monitor such activities which are in the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (g) Stage of manufacture of bulk drugs is stipulated in the industrial approvals. Wherever cases of production from stages other than permitted by the licences or using imported intermediates/penultimates in violation of conditions of licences come to the notice of Government suitable action is taken.